

Page 3, delete the paragraph spanning lines 10-19 and insert the following

therefor:

E2
--By "variant hepatocyte growth factor" we mean a hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) which varies in primary amino acid structure from a wild-type form. For example, the amino acid sequence of a wild-type form of human HGF is given in Figure 7 (SEQ ID NO:2). It is well known that certain polypeptides, especially those from humans, are polymorphic and it will be appreciated that some natural variation of the human HGF sequence may occur and that such human HGF molecules will be considered to be wild-type provided that the HGF binds heparan sulphate proteoglycan (HSPG) and is able to bind the HGF receptor and give rise to the known biological effect.--

Page 6, delete the paragraph spanning lines 12-13 and insert the following

therefor:

E3
--The hairpin loop structure spans amino acid residues 70 to 96 of wild-type HGF (SEQ ID NO:3).--

Page 7, delete the paragraph spanning lines 16-28 and insert the following

therefor:

E4
--Preferably the HGF is a human HGF. The amino acid sequence of a wild-type human HGF is given in Figure 7 (SEQ ID NO:2). It is particularly preferred if the variant HGF is a variant human HGF in which positively-charged amino acid residues of the hairpin loop region are replaced by negatively-charged amino acid residues or amino acid residues with no charge. However, it will be appreciated that HGF from other

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mammalian species have an analogous hairpin loop structure which contains positively-charged residues and variants of these non-human HGF molecules in which the positively-charged amino acid residues are replaced by negatively-charged amino acid residues or by non-charged amino acid residues are included within the scope of the invention provided that such molecules are substantially incapable of binding heparin or HSPG but which are capable of binding to the HGF receptor.--

Insert the attached Sequence Listing in place of the Sequence Listing filed February 29, 2000.

Insert the attached Figures in place of those originally-filed.